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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Corona – Two Teens Shot, 1 Killed at Corona Movie Theater

(U) Two teenagers were taken to the hospital with life-threatening injuries after a shooting at a Corona movie theater on Monday night, police said. Authorities said employees found the two while cleaning the theater following the 9:30 p.m. showing of "The Forever Purge," at the Regal Edwards Corona Crossings movie theater. Anthony Barajas, 19, was on life support Tuesday, and Rylee Goodrich, 18, died from a gunshot to the back of the head. Authorities said the two attended the movie together. However, it was not immediately clear who else was in the theater with them, though records show a total of six tickets were purchased for that showing. A motive has not been established.

SOURCE: 27 July 2021, CBS Los Angeles

(U) Tulare County – Six Arrested, Three Women Rescued in Human Trafficking Operation

(U) Six men were arrested and three women freed after Tulare County officials launched against human trafficking. A joint effort by Tulare County Sheriff's office, Visalia police officers and members of the district attorney's office identified subjects who solicit females for sexual favors in exchange for money through escort ad services, and contacted victims of human trafficking to offer services and assistance. Victims were offered counseling and housing. The arrested suspects face multiple charges.

SOURCE: 27 July 2021, Fresno Bee

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas – 20 Migrants Found inside Train near Hebbronville

(U) Hebbronville – The US Border Patrol Laredo Sector advised that 20 migrants were found inside a train near Hebbronville. Upon examining the train at a checkpoint, agents discovered two subjects hiding in the engine and broken security seals on stacked containers. The Border Patrol stated the people were also found inside the containers. The migrants will be processed and an investigation is underway.

SOURCE: 26 July 2021, LMT Online

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Alabama – Police Officer Fatally Shot in Ambush Outside Home During Lunch Break

(U) Selma – An Alabama police officer was ambushed and fatally shot while on duty in Selma, Alabama. The officer, Marquis Moorer, had returned home for a lunch break when he was shot and killed. The officer's significant other was also injured in the gunfight at the residence and taken to the local hospital with significant injuries. No suspect has been arrested in the death and state police are working with local authorities and members of a drug task force team to track down any leads.

SOURCE: 27 July 2021, Fox News

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(U) District of Columbia – President Biden Directs Agencies to Develop Cybersecurity Standards for Critical Infrastructure

(U) Washington – President Biden issued a new directive instructing federal agencies to develop voluntary cybersecurity goals for companies that operate US critical infrastructure, a move that came as senior officials were exploring the possibility of pursuing mandatory standards. The effort is the latest by the Biden administration attempting to shore up the nation's defenses against disruptive cyberattacks. The directive does not impose requirements, but instead seeks to create further voluntary cybersecurity standards in areas where critical infrastructure, such as energy operators, hospitals, banks, and others, are managed.

SOURCE: 28 July 2021, Wall Street Journal

(U Florida - FBI Raids Weston Home Potentially Connected to Haiti Assassination

(U) Weston – The FBI raided a home in a Weston community that records connect to a man under scrutiny for loans that may have been involved in the assassination of Haiti President Jovenel Moise. The owner of the resident, who is the president of Worldwide Capital Lending Group, may have funded those that played a part in the assassination earlier this month. Haitian authorities contend that the money for the assassination plot flowed through the potential suspect and his company. Moise was assassinated during an armed attack at his private home earlier this month.

SOURCE: 27 July 2021, Local 10 News

(U) Georgia – Spa Shooter to Serve Four Life Sentences in Cherokee Slayings

(U) Washington – The shooting suspect accused of fatally shooting eight people at three metro Atlanta spas, has pleaded guilty to four of murder in a deal formalized in a Cherokee County courtroom. The agreement spares him the death sentence, though the possibility remains in Fulton County. The deal with Cherokee prosecutors ensures he will spend the rest of his life in prison. The suspect was handed four consecutive life sentences, plus 35 years, without the possibility of parole. SOURCE: 27 July 2021, Atlanta Journal Constitution

(U) Indiana – FedEx Gunman Acted Alone, Showed No Signs of Racial Bias, Investigators Say

(U) Indianapolis – The gunman responsible for April's mass shooting at an Indianapolis FedEx Ground facility acted alone, showed no signs of racial bias and the killings "were a function of a primary desire for suicide," investigators said Thursday. Officials with the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department, FBI and US Department of Justice discussed the 15 April shooting in which 19-year-old Brandon Scott Hole killed eight people and wounded five others at the FedEx Ground-Plainfield Operation Center. A former employee, Hole died by suicide following the shootings, spent nine months planning the attack and chose the FedEx Ground facility because he was familiar with the building and incorrectly thought he identified a vulnerability that would give him access to even more potential victims.

SOURCE: 28 July 2021, WRTV

(U) Virginia – Ex-Airman Sentenced to 45-Months for Leaking Classified Drone Information

(U) Alexandria – A former Air Force intelligence analyst was sentenced to 45-months in prison for leaking top-secret information about the US government's drone strike program to a journalist. The convicted subject said he was motivated by guilt when he disclosed to an investigative reporter details of a military drone program that he believed was indiscriminately killing civilians in Afghanistan far from the battlefield. The prosecution is one in a series of cases the Justice Department has brought in recent years against current and former government officials who have disclosed classified secrets to journalists.

SOURCE: 27 July 2021, NBC News

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(U) China - First Person Tried Under Hong Kong Security Law Found Guilty

(U) Hong Kong – The first person tried under Hong Kong's sweeping national security law was found guilty of secessionism and terrorism. The ruling was closely watched for indications of how the law will be applied as China tightens its grip on the city long known for its freedoms. Tong Ying-kit faced charges related for driving his motorcycle into a group of police officers last year while carrying a flag bearing a banned protest slogan. Rights groups condemned his conviction, and many are bracing for further such trials since more than 100 people have been arrested under the new legislation.

SOURCE: 27 July 2021, AP News

(U) Niger – Gunmen on Motorbikes Raid Niger Village, Kill 14

(U) Niamey – Armed men on motorbikes have killed at least 14 civilians in an attack in western Niger, near the restive border with Mali. The unidentified assailants arrived in the village and targeted civilians, killing 14, including nine working in fields. Another individual was wounded in the attack and has been evacuated for treatment. Security measured have been stepped up in the wake of the incident and an investigation is under way into the identity of the attackers. No groups have claimed responsibility for the attack.

SOURCE: 27 July 2021, Al Jazeera

(U) Pakistan – Terror Plot Foiled in Northwest Pakistan, Two Arrested

(U) Islamabad – Pakistan's law enforcement agencies foiled a terror plot by arresting two terrorists in the country's northwest Mardan district according to the National Counter Terrorism Department. Authorities conducted a raid on the terrorists' hideout after police were tipped off about their presence in the district. The militants were planning to attack sensitive installations and wanted by the police in multiple terrorism-related cases. During the raid, explosive material, safety fuses, detonators, hand grenades and pistols were recovered.

SOURCE: 27 July 2021, Xinhua Net

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